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Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/49/L.67

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 17 and 25 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, as adopted on 13 September 1994 (para. 2);

(b) Invite the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are provided for the Conference follow-up activities of the United Nations Secretariat during 1995 (para. 17);

(c) Decide that the Commission on Population and Development shall meet on an annual basis, beginning in 1996 (para. 25).

2. In connection with the resources needed for Conference follow-up activities, it has been estimated that funds currently appropriated under section 9 (Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis) of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 1/ for the activities relating to the Conference are sufficient for implementation of the programme of the follow-up activities during the year 1995. Long-term arrangements would be

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 6A (A/48/6/Rev.1/Add.1).

considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

3. With regard to operative paragraph 25 of the draft resolution, while it has no programme budget implications for the current biennium, the annualization of sessions of the Commission on Population and Development would result in additional costs, effective in 1996. Assuming that the current membership of the Commission is maintained, these costs (at 1995 rates) per session would be as follows:

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(a) Substantive costs relating to travel of the Commission's members	67 500
(b) Conference-servicing costs	466 800